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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF U.S. NATIONALS TO ICAO

REF: A) STATE 129410; B) MONTREAL 0884; C) MONTREAL 0942

1. APPARENTLY MARCH 20 LETTER WAS NOT CLEAR REGARDING POSITION OF "ASSISTANT TO DIR AIR TRANSPORT BUREAU". THIS SLOT WAS VACANT WHEN PLACE HAD TO BE FOUND FOR DETEIRE. HE IS ASSIGNED AGAINST IT AND DETAILED TO THE AFRICAN STUDIES PROJECT IN THE TECH ASST BUREAU. TECHNICALLY THE DETAIL EXTENDS TO DEC 31, 1975 AND LIKELY WILL BE EXTENDED UP TO ONE YEAR. HOWEVER, SLOT CANNOT BE UTILIZED BY A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT. POSSIBILITY SECGEN AND ACTING DIR ATB WILL ARRANGE IN-HOUSE DETAIL FOR SIX MONTHS TO HELP WITH HEAVY WORKLOAD GENERALLY BUT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IS TEMPORARY AND REQUIRES SOMEONE IN ICAO WHO CAN WORK EFFECTIVELY FOR FEW MONTHS WHILE DETIERE OCCUPYING THE SLOT IS ABSENT. USSR BROUGHT CANDIDATE FROM AEROFLOT/ PAKISTAN FOR INTERVIEWS THIS AND OTHER POSITIONS. SECGEN FOUND HIM NOT QUALIFIED WHICH INFURIATED SOVIET COUNCILREP. THIS IS ANOTHER REASON SECGEN AND ATB HAVE DECIDED AGAINST ANYONE FROM OUTSIDE FOR THIS TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE.

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL (B), THE ROBINSON APPOINTMENT TO DO  
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FARES AND RATES STUDY IS MAJOR APPOINTMENT OF GREAT SIGNIFI-

CANCE. MOST UNLIKELY THAT US WILL OBTAIN MORE THAN ONE OTHER MAJOR POST IN THIS SMALL BUREAU.

3. HEDGES (US) RECENTLY PLACED IN FAL SECTION WAS NOT CONSIDERED QUALIFIED TO BE ADVANCED TO CHIEF OF SECTION. USREP UNDERSTANDS COBB'S APPLICATION WAS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING FINAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE FACILITATION SECTION CHIEF BUT IS NOT THE TOP CANDIDATE. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY USG APPLICANT FOR JOINT FINANCING CHIEF. THE FORECASTING ECONOMIST OPENING WAS VACATED UNEXPECTEDLY BY A US CITIZEN. IT WAS OFFERED TO ANOTHER US CITIZEN WHO BACKED OUT. IT IS GOING TO A UK CANDIDATE.

4. REFTEL (A) CONFUSING REGARDING UNGER REAPPOINTMENT. IS DEPT "CONCERNED" THAT HE WILL OR WON'T BE REAPPOINTED? SINCE USREP WAS CRITICIZED FOR ATTEMPTING TO EXPEDITE HIS RELEASE FOR REAPPOINTMENT SEEMS INCONSISTENT THAT DEPT NOW EXPRESSING CONCERN. FYI: UNGER IS POOR CANDIDATE AND DOES NOT COMMAND GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT IN SECRETARIAT. MAY BE RETAINED BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE WHICH USREP UNABLE TO COMMENT ON. END FYI. SELECTION BOARD HAS MET BUT RESULTS HAVE NOT YET GONE TO SECGEN. HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE DECISION NEXT WEEK.

5. LAST SENTENCE (REFTEL (A)) REPORTS RUMOR THAT USSR IS INTERESTED IN ATB OPENINGS. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN EVERY VACANCY AND ALL VACANCIES AND AS REPORTED REFTEL (C) ARE MAKING STRONG DRIVE IN ALL AREAS TO INCREASE PRESENCE IN ICAO. THEY ARE BRINGING CANDIDATES ON AEROFLOT IN GROUPS FOR INTERVIEWS. DELS AND SECRETARIAT DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT PRESSURE AND MANEUVERING. EFFORTS BEING MADE BY PRESIDENT, SECGEN AND MAJORITY COUNCIL REPS TO CURTAIL THIS EFFORT AND LIMIT SELECTIONS TO QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AND APPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS.

6. FOUR REMAINING VACANCIES IN ATB ARE PAST DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS AND SELECTIONS BOARDS HAVE ALREADY MET. USREP WILL CONTINUE WORKING WITH SECGEN ON FINAL SELECTIONS.

7. DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IT IS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE NOW THAT SECGEN KOTAITE IS THE CANDIDATE TO REPLACE BINAGHI. HE WILL BE UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURES FROM ALL STATES TO MAKE PLACEMENTS AND ACCOMMODATE THEM GENERALLY IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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